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***The 1990s
and 2000s***
STAAR U.S. History EOC

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Directions: Choose the best answer for each question.

1 The first Persian Gulf War was triggered by ____ and fought by ____.

- A** scud missile attacks on Israel; a coalition of nations
 - B** the September 11th attacks; the U.S.
 - C** U.S. sanctions against Iraq; the U.S. and NATO nations
 - D** Iraq's invasion of Kuwait; a coalition of UN nations
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2 The World Wide Web was created in December 1990 as a way to —

- F** open the federal government's Arpanet network to the public
 - G** let separate computers communicate with each other
 - H** share and link documents created in any program from any computer
 - J** organize individual websites into searchable units
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3 Operation Deliberate Force was a NATO strike in August 1995 against the Serbian majority population in Bosnia, part of the former Yugoslavia, to end the Bosnian Serbs' war on —

- A** the majority Muslim and Croatian populations
 - B** ethnic Albanians moving into Bosnia
 - C** UN peacekeeping forces monitoring the break-up
 - D** its neighboring republic of Kosovo
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4 The U.S. joined the UN mission to reinstate Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide as part of —

- F** its stated desire to stabilize Haiti
- G** the Clinton Doctrine
- H** a larger plan to strengthen democracy in Latin America
- J** the War on Drugs

Use this excerpt to answer questions 5 and 6.

Millions of Americans are just a pink slip away from losing their health insurance and one serious illness away from losing all their savings. Millions more are locked into the jobs they have now just because they or someone in their family has once been sick and they have what is called the preexisting condition. And on any given day, over 37 million Americans, most of them working people and their little children, have no health insurance at all.

And in spite of all this, our medical bills are growing at over twice the rate of inflation, and the United States spends over a third more of its income on health care than any other nation on Earth. And the gap is growing, causing many of our companies in global competition severe disadvantage. There is no excuse for this kind of system. We know other people have done better. We know people in our own country are doing better. We have no excuse. My fellow Americans, we must fix this system, and it has to begin with congressional action.

...Whatever else we disagree on, before this Congress finishes its work next year, you will pass and I will sign legislation to guarantee this security to every citizen of this country.

—President Bill Clinton, Address on Health Care Reform,
September 22, 1993

- 5 What problem does the President outline in the first paragraph?
- A Millions of Americans are working to support someone in their family who has been sick.
 - B Health insurance is only available to people who have jobs and no pre-existing medical conditions.
 - C Most Americans do not have any health insurance.
 - D Health care is so expensive it takes up all of people's savings.
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- 6 How could the high price of health care cause American companies a "severe disadvantage" when competing globally?
- F Those companies have to spend more on health care than their competitors, which leaves them with less money for marketing, R&D, and other areas.
 - G Paying for health care leaves the federal government with less money to invest in business.
 - H People living in other nations do not want to work for global U.S. companies because it will make their health care too expensive.
 - J They cannot attract foreign workers to move to the U.S. because those workers fear they will lose their health insurance.